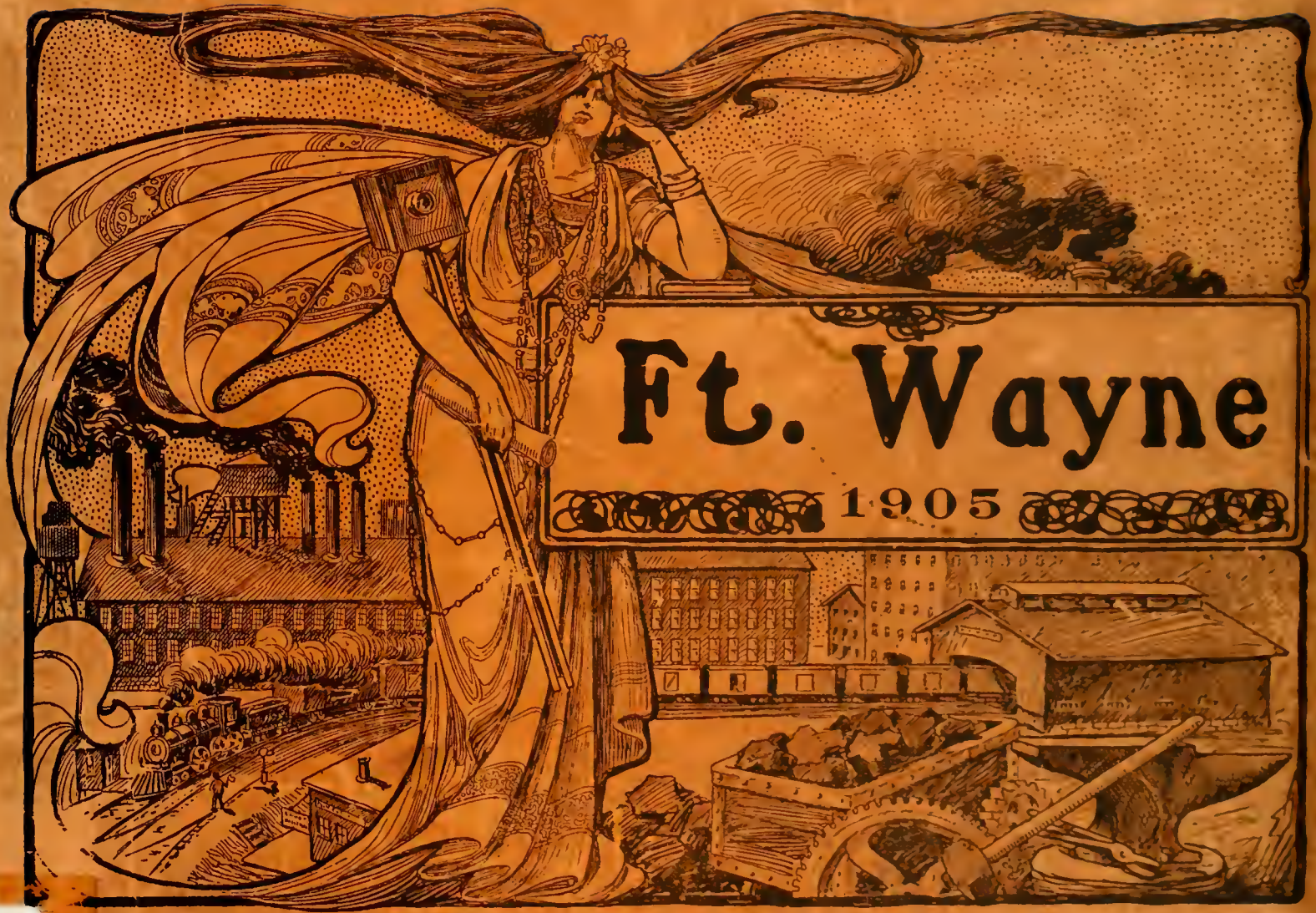

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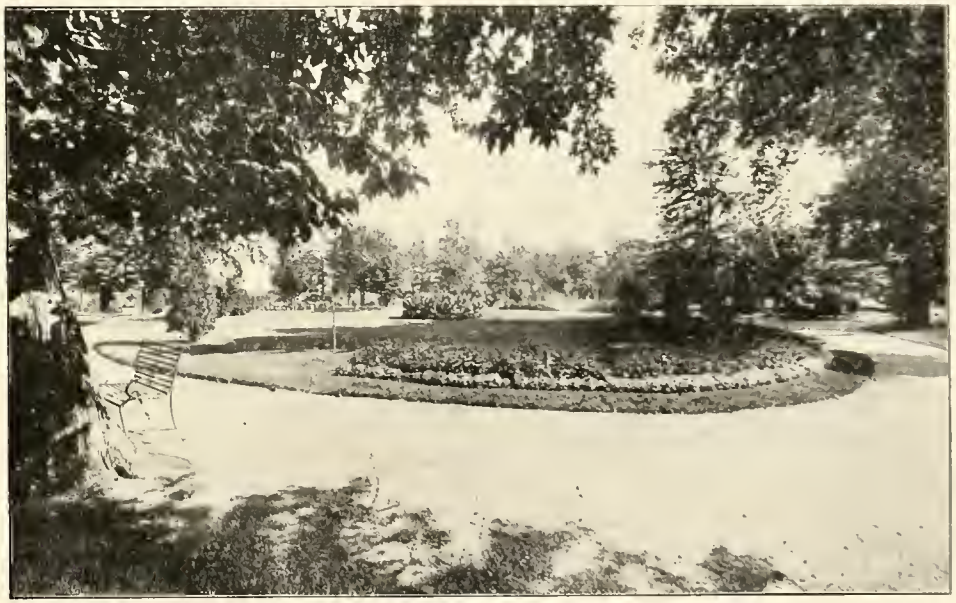
A PICTURESQUE AND DESCRIPTIVE ACCOUNT Of The Present Mercantile and Industrial Interests and Advantages of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

IN viewing the cities of the great central west with prospective eye, the city of Ft. Wayne becomes the magnet which points out wonderful opportunities and developments that are nothing short of marvelous. This is the center and county-seat of the county, and one of the important commercial centers of the state. Ft. Wayne has no competing city nearer than Indianapolis, and offers advantages that can scarcely be paralleled in the Union. One hundred years ago this city was merely a garrison post on the far frontiers of America, and a trading point with the Indians. Many struggles and heroic efforts have marked the pathway from seclusion to prominence, some of the land-marks evident yet. There are some living today who have memories of troublous times, and who can tell history that reads like fairy tales. The courage and endurance of our forefathers knew no barriers, their confidence in the future sustaining them in their every hazardous step. The Aborigines fought desperately for their cherished hunting grounds, and were only overcome by the cunning and strategy of the "pale face." When the final victory was won, the banner of triumph was raised and Ft. Wayne began a career which has been famous for great achievements along commercial lines. The town was incorporated in 1829, and soon outgrew the proportions of a town, and was chartered as a city in 1840. The municipal government has been exemplary from the beginning and has builded wisely the structure which now reflects credit upon the state. Ft. Wayne is owned by Ft. Wayne people, the industries largely sustained by local capital, and controlled by men who have local interests and a genuine spirit of pride in the upbuilding of the city. There is nothing of the mushroom growth or anything that cannot be pointed to with pride, and registered as permanent. There are one hundred and forty-four factories, which carry the name of Ft. Wayne to all parts of the earth, and which turn out products of superior excellence in their various lines. These factories run all the year, giving employment to about five thousand individuals. The permanence of these institutions has stimulated the laboring classes and wage-earners to make investments that make them independent citizens, which is a strong force in creating the right sentiment between employer and employee, and keeping down the spirit of rebellion which works destruction and creates discord in so many manufacturing centers. Besides this, the railroad shops located here employ nearly four thousand men, with an annual salary account of about $3,000,000. This, combined with the factory pay roll, puts into local circulation each year nearly seven million dollars by the factories and railroad shops alone. The energy which characterized the early builders of the city seems to have imbued the generations which followed, and given the impression to the world that there is something in Ft. Wayne worth considering. Like attracts like, hence the coming of determined men, and the location of these mammoth industries, which give Ft. Wayne such a prominent place among the cities of the central west. The railroads, with their ever searching arms, have hurried here and made this the center of operations for eight distinct lines, carrying the commerce of the city direct to every market of the world. These great commercial arteries throb with incoming and outgoing trains that carry millions of tons to and from the city annually. The interurban system has not been forgotten, but has followed other developments, and connected Ft. Wayne by trolley with important points in the state.



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Other lines are being considered, and it is only a matter of time when a thorough web of interurban lines will give rapid transit system that compares with any in the land. There is nearly fifty miles of street car tracks within the limits, the system based upon a fifteen minute schedule, and operated with skill that meets the convenience of the public more fully than the usual street car service. Ft. Wayne is a great jobbing center and distributing point. There is a vast territory surrounding the place, that draw their supplies from here, and prefer to, because they get better terms and more satisfactory service than from any other distributing center. The sixty-two wholesale houses now established show a volume of business that is proof positive of the favorable conditions

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surrounding Ft. Wayne in this particular feature. Demands have been creative and when created are supplied promptly by the erection or establishment of whatever business the demand suggests. The city authorities have kept a watchful eye over every matter and have distributed public funds wisely and without prejudice for or against any suggestion that touched city upbuilding. They have watched sanitary conditions and installed sewerage to the extent of seventy-five miles, ninety-one miles of water mains, and one of the finest water supply systems in existence. The streets show especial care, over fifty miles paved and kept in perfect condition. Each year shows additional improvement and an extension of all that is needful. The population has an annual increase of four thousand, the estimate for 1904 being sixty thousand. The number of individuals who really draw their support from Ft. Wayne, and are virtually part of the city, because their interests are inseparable from it, would number more than sixty thousand, making it the second city in size in the State. Ft. Wayne is not dependent upon any single industry for support, but has diversified interests that give her especial advantages, stimulate enterprise, broaden and develop ideas, and guard against the narrowness and failure that must inevitably come to the city with the single idea. The fame of Ft. Wayne does not hang upon the label of any particular wheel or breakfast food, but is inseparable from many concerns of national and international distinction. Ft. Wayne is a city of wealth, but the accumulators of fortunes have not allowed the greed for them to predominate their wills or blind them to the better part of life, and the promotion of all that is best for the masses.

The [illegible] trend of the citizens [illegible] to the support of two public libraries, which are models of their kind. Churches of every denomination lift their spires high, and beckon the tide of humanity to the worship that pleases their fancy. The highest conception of architecture is seen in many of these buildings, their furnishings and hearty support speaking well for the moral and religious sentiment of the citizens. Auxiliaries of every charitable nature are supported well, and cover the needs of unfortunate humanity in the form of hospitals, orphan asylums, city charities, all of which are under the management of efficient directors, who know how to give the best possible results without the injudicious distribution of funds. Ft. Wayne has the handsomest court house in the United States. It stands in the heart of the town and lifts its mighty columns in stately grandeur, speaking silently but forcefully, a worthy tribute to the generosity of the county, that has thought it wise to invest $1,000,000 in a building that would in a measure tell the high ideals of the people. Ft. Wayne does nothing by halves. They adhere to the old adage, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." The educational advantages from the public schools to the seminaries, furnish the highest mark of intellectual culture, and have an annual enrollment that is highly gratifying. "Concordia College" and the "Ft. Wayne College of Medicine" are rated among the institutions of the twentieth century that stand for higher education and keep their curriculums in line with the most practical methods for the development of the mind, and the inspiration of lofty thought. The monetary institutions of the city are catalogued as four national banks, seven trust companies and private banks, with a combined capital of $2,300,000. The city gives substantial encouragement to everything that promises permanence or bears the stamp of merit, holding always a balancing hand over speculations and booms. The growth has been steady and substantial, every development on a uniform basis, nothing feeding on the vital forces of something else of equal importance. Through the busy bustle of life the mind must have recreation and freedom from business tension. Ft. Wayne has provided elaborately for this in the improvement of seven parks, covering an area of ninety-five acres and over. These lie in close proximity to the heart of the city, and are provided with every class of elevating entertainment and robust field sports that the variety of temperaments may wish.

Many thousands of dollars have been spent in the improvement of these grounds, and the strictest laws enforced as to their management and protection. The beautiful driveways, refreshing water falls, alluring wild woods and inviting retreats that have been so thoughtfully and judiciously planned, reflect credit upon the park committees and give especial charm to the place. The "Ft. Wayne Spirit" has ever cemented the common interests of her people, and prevented petty prejudice which selfishness fosters. The social clubs and fraternal orders embody the best element of the community, and teach the "brotherhood of man" which is second only to the "fatherhood of God." The cultivation of the higher graces strengthens the spirit of patriotism, and has given Ft. Wayne prominence and power in state and national issues. The balance wheels of the world are the men who are superior to personal greed for fame, but who in the depths of their nature are willing to sacrifice their own will for the advancement of that which is best for the world; and who stand for principle, regardless of the individual. Ft. Wayne is made up of just such men, and is never caught napping when the schemer sets his trap. The mines of wealth surrounding Ft. Wayne have never been half told.

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It is nestled in the heart of the richest agricultural district of the state, and has, in easy reach, raw materials for the production of many world necessities. The highest grade of brick on the American market is made near Ft. Wayne, with distributing offices in the city. The soil is productive, and yields abundantly to the touch of energy, in the growth of anything that can be produced in the temperate zone. Ft. Wayne has never been loud or conceited in sounding her own praises, but, like a light on a hill, she cannot be hid. When other cities have passed into oblivion, or been absorbed by some more enterprising place, Ft. Wayne will stand as a beacon light. The business of the world is largely done through correspondence. The post office receipts are a correct index to the growth and condition of every place. The postoffice at Ft. Wayne has had an increase of 50 per cent. in the number of carriers and been raised from second class to first class, with gross receipts of $200,000 for the year ending June, 1904. As a home city, Ft. Wayne is an ideal spot. The streets are broad, beautifully shaded with native forest trees, well graded and surveyed with an eye to symmetry and comfort. There is an openness and breadth of space that lends peculiar charm to the residence districts. Nature seems to have designed this spot for a home center, and surrounded it with every feature that health and happiness demands. With financial backing that is practically unlimited, a citizenship that is loyal and liberal, commercial advantages that are unquestioned, and resources that are legion, why should Ft. Wayne not raise her banners high and claim her place among the mighty municipal powers of the great central west. History offers no parallel to the development of America, which development is made up of the earnest efforts of individuals and communities. Ft. Wayne has played her part well, and might truthfully be called the "star of the drama," on the platform of the great "Hoosier" state. There is room here for all that is progressive. Her doors are open to the world.

VAL. C. ROCHOLL, Real Estate and Loans, 727 Court St. Mr. Rocholl has for twelve years or more been classed among the land agents of the city, and is one of the most extensive brokers in the business. He confines his efforts chiefly to selling and holds much of the valuable property of the city, or factory or resident locations. He is a shrewd dealer and always on the spot when a bargain is in sight. He is vigorous and energetic, and has the confidence of the people in the business which he represents. Those interested in the sale of property should have his advice and assistance to get the best results.

REMINGTON TYPEWRITER CO., Eugene Wynegar, Mngr., 211 E. Berry St. The fame of the Remington is world-wide and overshadows all else that bears the name of "typewriter." For several years the office in Ft. Wayne has been one of the strong business centers. For two years it has been under the management of Mr. Wynegar, who is one of the strongest men in the field. This machine stands supreme and finds ready place wherever excellence is appreciated. Mr. Wynegar knows how to organize and direct the efforts of others and how to present the merits of this machine in a simple and successful way. Ft. Wayne is fortunate in the location of this office in her midst.

CALHOUN STREET, LOOKING NORTH.

J. T. HANNA & CO., Wine and Liquor Merchants, 118 W. Main St. Among the family liquor dealers of Ft. Wayne, J. T. Hanna & Co. have been prominent for three years. They carry the best that home and foreign distilleries produce, and sell through mail orders exclusively. They have a large trade throughout Indiana and adjoining states, their name standing for all that is honorable wherever it is spoken. They sell in quantities from one quart up to five gallons, guaranteeing every order O. K. No house in Ft. Wayne has shown a more decided success or been more loyal to business principles. Mr. Hanna is a native of Indiana and wide awake in all that pertains to general upbuilding.

J. W. BROWN, Barber, 206 E. Columbia. Mr. Brown has for seventeen years been prominent before the public as a barber and acknowledges no superior in his profession. His shop is furnished with everything modern, every assistant is skillful, every customer given prompt and courteous attention. Mr. Brown is a tonsorial artist of the highest type and stops short of nothing but the best that the trade offers. He knows the scientific and sanitary laws, gives personal attention to every matter, is a genial host and business man of progressive ideas. Men who appreciate excellence in barber work make up his list of permanent patrons.

A. A. MARTIN, Livery, 215-217 E. Main St. When people come to Ft. Wayne and inquire for reliable livery they are directed to this stable, which has for several years represented all that high class livery means. They have fifty stalls, up to date rigs, give special attention to boarding horses and meet all calls day and night promptly. They are especially prepared for funeral and party affairs and are much in demand in this line. Mr. Martin was reared in this county, is a genuine stockman and Indianian of the highest type.

C. E. HADSELL, Investment Broker, 302 Elektron Bldg. Among the young men of Ft. Wayne who have demonstrated true American zeal and strong talent, Mr. Hadsell is conspicuous in business lines. In 1893 he began business operations and has identified himself with many important local affairs. Two years ago he began investment brokerage and has been one of the most accurate and progressive men in that direction. He handles every character of investments, is manufacturers' agent for leading inventions, handles produce as a jobber, is a successful operator of the Indiana oil fields and one of the most versatile men in the city. The success he has scored reflects credit upon his business ability and keen foresight. He is rated among the important business promoters of the city.

PELLENS & LEWIS, Druggists, 902 Calhoun St. In 1879 this drug store was opened, and has been successfully operated by J. B. Pellens and J. D. Lewis. They carry a line of barbers' supplies and druggists' sundries and do prescription work that is faultless. Their absolute honesty and accuracy in representing drugs and filling orders has given them the confidence of physicians in general and a large patronage among the best people of the city. Their store is one of the most attractive stores on Calhoun St. Their commercial rating above question. Telephone orders have prompt attention at any hour.

WHITE NATIONAL BANK.

THE WHITE NATIONAL BANK. Thirteen years ago this bank was organized and incorporated under the laws of Indiana, and is one of the strongest financial institutions of the state. They own and occupy one of the handsomest buildings in the city, are provided with safety vaults, burglar proof safes, modern banking equipments and every thing that legal business of the day demands. Their report to the comptroller of the currency on January 11 1905, shows capital stock $200,000.00, deposits $1,508,084.17, cash on hand $278,190.71, surplus and profits $117,605.06. The policy of this bank has been to give liberal support to all that was worthy and hold a balancing hand over all that seemed frenzied or uncertain. They offer every facility to patrons and have the support of leading corporations and capitalists of the city. The officers are men of strong financial talent, unerring judgment and progressive ideas, who keep abreast of the times in all matters. The officers are: J. W. White, President; S. S. Fisher, Vice-President; H. A. Kepinger, Cashier and W. H. Rohan, Assistant Cashier.

PAUL E. WOLF, 621-623 Clinton St., Mattress Manufacturer. Among the many manufacturers of Ft. Wayne no man has distinguished himself with more surety than Mr. Wolf. He has the only perfect equipped plant in the city for the manufacture of felt mattresses and all the newest machinery for making every kind of mattress known to modern times. He has made an exhaustive study of the business and is past master in the highest art of mattress making. His products range from the cheapest to the most expensive grades but all are of the best quality for the price and good workmanship. Mr. Wolf has forged his way to the front by intense energy and a laudable ambition to excel. His goods command the favored place in every home and store where they are handled and place him at the top of the list as a business man of right ideas and worthy principles.

BRADSHAW & SCHWARTZ, Harness, 622 Clinton St. George Bradshaw and Charles Schwartz are the members of this firm, who are classed among the leading dealers in their line in the city. Everything in horse clothes is found in their stock in greatest variety, their selections showing superior knowledge and excellent taste. Both are practical men, and thoroughly informed on all that pertains to their business. They make a specialty of repairing and have the most substantial patronage in this locality in this line. No merchants in the city are held in higher esteem or contribute more to positive business progress.

J. W. Garman, Jeweler, 234 E. Main St. Mr. Garman has for twenty years been one of the reliable jewelers of Ft. Wayne. He makes a specialty of repair work, and acknowledges no superior as watchmaker and jewel setter. He gives personal attention to all matters, finishes everything in good time and has the permanent patronage of a large per cent of the citizens of the place. He is a native of Indiana and a business man of solid worth.

KARN BROS., Meat Market, 914 Calhoun St. The reliable "meat man" is the one on whom housekeepers depend for daily comfort. For sixteen years K. and J. Karn have been providing the best that the world affords in all lines of meat and furnishing it to the large list of customers at prices which are unquestioned. They make their own sausage and lard and are distinguished for keeping superior meats of all kinds. They have refrigerators and modern appointments for the care of fresh meats and a well regulated delivery service which relieves any anxiety on the part of customers. Goods are delivered to everybody without special favor to any, on good time and in perfect condition.

RUDOLPH TROTT, Dressed Poultry, 222 E. Main St. Mr. Trott has been one year in Ft. Wayne and has demonstrated fully his knowledge of the poultry business. He has had thirty-three years experience in this particular line and is prepared to meet the markets in a successful way. He pays highest market prices to home producers, which has encouraged the raising of a superior grade of poultry throughout the country. His fish and oysters come from the best markets of the United States, are kept in perfect condition and delivered at market prices. He is a native of Indiana and a business man of progressive ideas.

OLD NATIONAL BANK, corner Berry and Calhoun. Henry C. Paul, President, Charles E. Bond, Cashier, G. A. Schwegman, Assistant Cashier. In mentioning the business history of Ft. Wayne prominence must be given to the "Old National," which is the pioneer banking institution of northern Indiana. Their beginning dates back to 1835 and comes through many changes to 1885, when it was organized under the present name. On Dec. 20, 1904, they began life anew under a new charter and new officers. The most renowned capitalists and business men of the city have been associated with this institution and have given it the solidity and unquestioned prestige which it bears. The officers have at all times considered the safety of the institution before the favor to the individual, which is the secret of their phenomenal growth and unquestioned standing. They have not been satisfied with laurels already won, but have pressed to the front in all that was progressive and upbuilding. Their last report to the comptroller shows capital stock $350,000, individual deposits subject to check $629,248.55, surplus and undivided profits $148,675.99. Ft. Wayne owes more to this bank than to any institution in her midst.

THE OLD NATIONAL BANK

C. T. PIDGEON MILLINERY CO., 931 Calhoun St. Among the wholesale firms of Ft. Wayne this house figures conspicuously as millinery dealers. They have been established twenty years and have an unbroken record of successful operations, which is due to the broad based and sound principles employed. Their establishment is one of the largest in Indiana and supplies an immense trade toward all points of the compass. They have the leading ideas from fashion centers, and turn out pattern hats that have a distinct individuality which marks them as exclusive. Ft. Wayne owes much to the existence of this firm, which is one of the strong supports to commercial reports.

THE FT. WAYNE TRUST CO., corner Main and Court Sts. The Ft. Wayne Trust Co. was established in 1898 and has been one of the vigorous supports to local upbuilding and general financial development throughout the vicinity. They take deposits from one dollar up and pay four per cent. interest on deposits left with them four months. Their last report to the Auditor of State shows capital stock $200,000, surplus $50,400, undivided profits $2,120.73, cash on hand $96,752.31. From the beginning the company has shown gratifying increase, which is due to the untiring energy, superior judgment and conservative thought of the officers, who are among the successful business men and financiers of the city. They are ever pressing forward with determination and carefulness, encouraging the savings bank habit in giving generous support to all that is worthy. The officers are Henry C. Paul, President; S. M. Foster, Vice-President; A. E. Hoffman, Second Vice-President, E. H. McDonald, Secretary, and W. J. Probasco, Assistant Secretary.

WM. DOEHRMANN, Grocer, 622-624 Barr St. Mr. Doehrmann has a record of three years, which have been successful and show positive increase from the first. He has made a name of carrying high grade goods that give him prestige and a permanent place in public confidence. He occupies two store rooms and carries a grade of goods that is not surpassed by any house in the city. His prices are always right, his service prompt and delivery well regulated. No man in the city attends more closely to business or tries harder to always do what is right than Mr. Doehrmann.

WAYNE SHOE COMPANY, 123 W. Columbia St. Five years ago this company was established and has ranked among the important wholesale houses of Ft. Wayne. The success and popularity of the house is due to the wise judgment and conservative management of the officers, and superior qualities of their specialties. They do a wholesale business exclusively, covering the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. They keep a corps of traveling men well directed, have perfect shipping facilities, adopt only that which is modern and sound in business transactions and hold favor with the trade in the face of all competition. Their specialties include Snow's, Sneidicor, Rice & Hutchins', Crown Prince and Budd's Baby Shoes and Good Year, Glove and Candee Rubbers. These brands are acknowledged as superior the world over and cover the list of fine shoes, workman shoes and footwear for every station in life.

C. T. PIDGEON MILLINERY COMPANY.

L. A. MOSS & CO., Hardware, 131 E. Columbia St. The firm of Moss & Co. has been standard among the hardware dealers for a long time. This firm has recently been reorganized and is owned entirely by L. A. Moss, who has from the beginning been one of the members. They carry everything in choice hardware, furnaces, sewing machines, paints, glass, oils and builders' supplies, their line of stoves and kitchen furnishings showing superior selection in every department. Rock bottom prices are quoted to contractors for builders' hardware, their prices throughout representing the market. Mr. Moss is a merchant of keen insight and business judgment, is thoroughly familiar with the hardware business, and a successful dealer.

LOUIS F. CURDES, Real Estate and Insurance, Pixley-Long Block. A record of twelve years placed Mr. Curdes among the successful and renowned real estate men of the city. He conducts a general land agency, which includes the large per cent. of the valuable property in this city and section. He is thoroughly informed in all that touches land values, and is prepared to advise wisely those who are considering real estate issues of any kind. He is a diligent and earnest worker, who is always on the spot when a bargain is in sight and at his post of duty every day in the year. He negotiates loans on real estate security and gives good rates of interest and every favor possible. As an insurance representative he is trusted and patronized by the best business men in the city. Any matter left with him will be cared for correctly.

MATT MORPER, 508-510 Harrison St., Livery. Among the institutions that have helped to make Ft. Wayne famous, this livery barn is conspicuous. For perfect equipments, well groomed horses, fashionable rigs, and prompt service, they are not surpassed, and hold high prestige as liverymen of the highest type. They give special care to boarding horses, are in close touch with veterinary service, are subject to call day or night, and are never known to forget or neglect an engagement. Mr. Morper knows every detail of the business, and how to keep his barn in advance of everything else in that line. He is one of the up-to-date business men of the day.

WM. L. WALTEMATH, Pharmacist 1424 Calhoun St. The pharmacist is one man that we must depend upon in time of need. Drugs are puzzles to the average individual who does not know poison from harmless remedies. For twelve years Mr. Waltemath has been serving the public in this capacity as pharmacist, and has left no chance for criticism or complaint. He knows his business thoroughly, keeps a perfect stock of standard and household drugs, is a prescriptionist of unquestioned skill, and business man of sound judgment. He has one of the prettiest and most attractive drug stores in the city.

TRENKLEY & KOERBER, Jewelers, 816 Calhoun St. This business was established in 1865, and has held the record for all that was best in jewelry merchandise. For four years it has been known under the present name and is rated among the leading jewelry stores of Indiana. Their stock includes all that is new and novel in jewelry, silver and cutlery, and shows the most exhaustive stock of diamonds and other mounted and unmounted jewels. Their repair work and engravings is not surpassed in any sense, orders filled promptly and forwarded to any address. They do an exclusive business and have the choice trade of the city. No men in Ft. Wayne hold a higher name for generous principles and modern ideas than Trenkley & Koerber.

PELTIER & GRIFFIN, 118-120 W. Wayne St., Automobiles. The twentieth century has brought many new inventions and new ideas, none of which has touched the heart of the universe like the automobile. For four years Will Peltier has been the active Auto man of Ft. Wayne. This year Mr. Griffin was added to the firm. They occupy one of the best business buildings in the city and carry cars from $750.00 to $5,000.00. They handle the Winton, White Steamer Columbia line, Buick and Cadillac. These are known to be the best machines made and show superior judgment on the part of the firm in the matter of selection. They have the exclusive representation of above cars in northeastern Indiana, with local representatives at important points. Both men are thoroughly informed in the handling of these machines, and are up to the hour in all that the business suggests. They can give you a better bargain than you can find elsewhere, and will gladly serve you at any hour.

WOLF BROTHERS, Clothing, Calhoun St., opposite Court House. Ft. Wayne has more high grade clothing stores and retail houses than any city in the state of its size. For four years the clothing business has been represented in a superior way by this firm, who are clothiers of no uncommon caste. They know what is stylish and what the public want and keep their stock complete with all that the season offers. There is nothing this side of Chicago that surpasses this house for excellence in the line of men's clothing.

WHITE FRUIT HOUSE, corner Calhoun and Wayne. Ft. Wayne is famous for her mammoth institutions in commercial lines, among which the White Fruit House is conspicuous as a department store. They occupy the entire building on one of the most prominent corners of the city, and have the most complete apartment house in Ft. Wayne. Every floor is a store in itself, and shows superior judgment in the selection and arrangement of stock. The grocery department is exhaustive, and represents the freshest and best that grocery goods can offer. The meat department is the delight of home keepers, and

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is only one example of the perfect organization through the entire house. They have the most extensive trade in the city, which is made secure by the perfect conduct of business, and truthful representation of goods. The company is incorporated with Edw. White, President; James B. White, Secretary, and Grace M. Morris, Treasurer.

AL HAZZARD, National Cigar Factory, 209 E. Main St. For twelve years this factory has turned out a grade of cigars that has made them famous and placed them among the standard cigar makers of the day. They have an annual output of two millions which are disposed of within a radius of eighty miles. The special brands which give them distinction and popular favor is "The National," 10 cents, and "Gold Seal," 5 cents. These cigars have no superior in blend and are accepted by smokers who know what excellence means as the perfection of the cigar-makers' art. They keep an experienced corps of workmen busy the year round and are always taxed to meet daily demands.

SIEMON WALL PAPER CO., 1215 Calhoun St. Among the leading retail establishments of Ft. Wayne this company is conspicuous as dealers in wall paper, engravings, picture frames, window shades, etc. They carry the most exhaustive stock in the city. Their line is up to the hour in all that is artistic and new, and as decorators they are very popular. They are also contractors on a large scale for paper hanging, doing work for the leading citizens and business concerns of the place. No man in Ft. Wayne has been more diligent and progressive in business matters, or contributed more liberally to the public upbuilding than Rudolph Siemon.

FT. WAYNE OUTFITTERS' Co., 31 E. Berry St. I. M. Hallenstein, Mngr. Ft. Wayne is distinguished for its superior retail establishments, among which this company is conspicuous as house outfitters. They occupy two rooms in the heart of the city and have display windows that are one of the chief attractions of the street. Everything in the line of house furnishings is kept in full stock, and displayed with the taste and skill that reflects credit upon the manager. They are never overstocked and have no old goods to offer as new. Their bargains are genuine bargains and appeal to those who know the real value of merchandise. Mr. Hallenstein is a merchant of strong endowment and is more than capable of successfully managing a business of this magnitude. As a trade center this is one of the busiest places in town.

JAMES E. GRAHAM, Insurance and Attorney, 2[illegible] Bank Block. Mr Graham is one of the pioneer business men of Ft. Wayne who has given his energies and talent to the development of all that was worthy in the promotion of progressive measures. He does a general law practice and represents the best companies of the world in fire, life and plate glass insurance. His knowledge of law gives the advantage in business affairs and places him high in legal circles. In all business matters he is prompt, just and thoughtful. He was born in Pennsylvania, enlisted in the army from Canton, Ohio, and was a valiant soldier through the four years' struggle. No Man in Ft. Wayne has been more loyal to all that is worthy or commended with more firmness all that was speculative than Mr. Graham.

W. E. DOUD, Real Estate Agency. Any write-up of the business interests of the city of Ft. Wayne that did not contain the name of the W. E. Doud Real Estate Agency would be as incomplete as the grocer's stock without a supply of sugar and coffee always on hand. This agency has been established in its well equipped offices over the Old National Bank, at the corner of Calhoun and Berry streets, for eleven years, and during all that time has held strictly to the exclusive real estate business. Realizing that one good business properly managed would produce far better results than to attempt any number of side lines, either of which should constitute a business of its own, Mr. Doud has held steadily to the selling of real estate for those desiring to dispose of their property, and to those who wish to purchase, acting only as the agent of the anxious seller and the willing buyer. This, without doubt, has been the corner-stone which has built up what is now conceded by every one the leading real estate business in northeastern Indiana, and in fact few agencies in the state excel it in its annual business.

Mr. Doud has opened up more new additions and placed more suburban property upon the market within the past few years than the most sanguine could have hoped for, and at the same time is always ready to care for the best interests of the prospective buyer of central residence and business properties. Devoting his time to the business, and at all times having the best interest of his clientage at heart, we predict for this agency continued success.

W. A. JONES, General Agent Union Central Life Ins. Co., Calhoun and Berry Sts. Since 1896 Dr. Jones has been one of the well known business men of Ft. Wayne, and has been applying his best energies in the interests of life insurance. The Union Central has a national reputation, its policies covering all that the most exacting could wish, at prices less than many. Dr. Jones is a physician of good standing, a man well informed on general subjects, energetic and earnest in all that he does. Those interested in insurance will find in him a wise and helpful friend. He has a number of agents in the territory surrounding Ft. Wayne, and offers attractive propositions to men of intelligence and tact.

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THE OLD FORT DISTILLING CO., 213 E. Main St. This is one of the new establishments of Ft. Wayne which has been a success from the beginning. They carry everything which is high grade in wines and liquors and are importers of the best that foreign wine presses produce. They cover Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Indiana, presenting their business in a way that commands public favor and puts them to the forefront as wholesale dealers. The members of the firm are men of superior business endowments, who have studied twentieth century principles and know the secrets of success. No company in the city gives promise of more prominence than this. The members of the firm are Wm. J. Barth, Dan Clemens and Robert **Staak.**

CHICAGO CARPET RUG FACTORY, H. C. Springer, Prop., corner Wells and Superior Sts. For fifteen years this has been one of the exclusive and useful factories of the city. They are prepared to weave rugs any width, not exceeding four yards, and show the best productions that modern rug making knows. Their name is known in every state in the Union, their patronage coming from all points of the compass. Mr. Springer is a man of strong business ability and stays close by his business twelve months in the year. He has reached the highest point in exclusive rug making and will mail to any address detailed information. He is one of the substantial business men of Ft. Wayne.

TRENTMAN SUPPLY CO., Builders' Supplies, 514 Harrison. Charles Muhler, Mgr. For many years the firm of Muhler & Sons has been prominent among contractors and builders. Five years ago Mr. Trentman succeeded to the business and is the leading supply man of the city in this line. They carry everything in the line of cement, plaster, building stone and the various lines of builders' materials, etc. They make shipments to all parts of the country, their heaviest business resting with local trade. The perfect system of reliability of the company has kept their name above reproach and given them the choice patronage of the country. Mr. Muhler has been with the firm for a long time and is familiar with every detail. A. B. Trentman is one of the progressive and well-rated merchants of the city.

J. K. McCRACKEN & SON, Insurance, 33 E. Berry St. This firm has for ten years been classed among the multitude that represents insurance and embodies the best talent of the world. They are well informed on all that touches reliable insurance, and represent only those companies which are governed by sound insurance laws, and offer the best protection. Their policies in fire, accident, life, liability and health are modern and adjustable to all conditions of life or business. They look closely after every claim, keep their policies in full force and investigate every claim thoroughly. No men in Ft. Wayne have adhered more firmly to commendable business principles than J. K. & F. C. McCracken.

HEIT, MILLER, LAU CO.

HEIT, MILLER, LAU CO., Confectioners, Fox Bldg. On the records of 1902 we find the establishment of this company, which is rated among the superior manufacturers of confectionaries in Indiana. They make everything in the high grade goods, and are wholesale dealers in foreign and domestic nuts. They operate through Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, and keep in favor with the trade in the face of any competition. Their goods are superior, their business methods broad based and generous, their dealings throughout appealing to the confidence of all who have patronized them. They employ a large force, and are taxed to their capacity to meet daily demands. No concern in Ft. Wayne has shown more positive increase or more progressive spirit than this.

THE J. W. KIDD COMPANY, W. Berry St. This company was established four years ago, and has reached enormous proportions. It is a mail order medicine house, doing business in all civilized countries. They employ an average of two hundred people, with a weekly payroll of $1,600.00. As their entire income is drawn from outside of Ft. Wayne and the greater portion spent here, this institution is proportionally one of the city's most valuable industries. The evident success of this business is the result of shrewd business management and genuine merit of the goods they handle. The managers are men of twentieth century ideas and know how to put their interests upon a basis of business economy that assures success. No concern in Ft. Wayne is a stronger support to local labor or contributes more in a commercial way to the fame of the city.

THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO., H. B. Hunt, General Agent, 5-6-7 Trentman Bldg. Everybody knows the standing and superior merits of this company, which ranks among the standard companies of the world. They are incorporated and governed by all that is sound in insurance, their policies holding more commendable features than the comparative lines. The reasonable cost and incontestible feature which their policies show and the perfect business principles upon which they are governed have made this the favored company wherever they are represented. They have one of the finest offices in Ft. Wayne, and under the management of Mr. Hunt show the most flattering reports of any company in the city. The field offers attractive inducements to men of talent who appreciate high grade insurance as a business.

ANDREW FOSTER, Tailor, 15 W. Wayne St. A record of thirty-five years is the best proof of any man's business ability and commercial standing. Mr. Foster has kept abreast of the times in all that correct tailoring embodies, and holds the prestige for stylish suits. He keeps only skillful workmen and superintends all departments himself. His line of imported and domestic suitings is the largest in the state. Men who appreciate superior work give him their trade with perfect confidence and are never disappointed. His prices are always conservative, his services obliging.

W. F. ROSENWINKEL, Real Estate and Insurance, Room 19 Schmitz Block. For two years Mr. Rosenwinkel has been devoting his time to real estate and insurance and has been instrumental in closing some of the most important deals in the city. He has been active in the improvement of suburban property, his lists showing many valuable bargains. In insurance he represents the best the world offers, in fire, accident, life, liability, live stock and every class of insurance issued. His policies are framed under sound insurance laws and offer the best protection that insurance holds. Mr. Rosenwinkel is one of the reliable and earnest men of the city. He gives his best energies to all his undertakings.

TROY STEAM LAUNDRY, 310-311 Pearl St. F. L. Jones, Prop. Twenty-eight years ago the Troy Steam Laundry began business and has grown with the city, assuming proportions equal to any emergency. They are equipped for the highest class of modern laundry work, are careful in the handling of colored fabrics and flannels, use pure water and soap without injurious chemicals and claim their labels on the merit of their work. They are the popular laundry in the city for family washing and have a large percentage of the transient trade from hotels and boarding houses. The management is thorough and up to the hour and all that is progressive and best. Mr. Jones has mastered the laundry question and is responsible for the high standard and reputation which the business has.

C. L. OLDS CONSTRUCTION CO., Elektron Bldg. This company is one of the largest and most successfully operated contracting firms in Indiana. Organized in August, 1897, as an experiment in the field of promoting, financing and designing plants for public service, as well as for the regular line of contract work, it has, by intelligent and conservative management, grown until its original capital represents but a small portion of its available means. Its installations of electric light plants, telephone lines and water works are scattered through the central states, and its operations are being extended to the most distant parts of the country. The officers are all Ft. Wayne men, among the most successful in their various lines, who thoroughly understand the management of large operations. The officers are C. L. Olds, President and Treasurer; F. F. Yarnelle, Vice-President, Charles A. Wilding, Secretary; Percy G. Olds, Superintendent, and Norman E. Olds, Engineer.

G. SCHMIDT, Tailor, 221 E. Berry St. Mr. Schmidt is one of the men who has mastered his profession and distinguished himself as a tailor in both men's and women's work. As a designer he has no superior, as a tailor he has exceptional skill. He carries a handsome line of suitings, keeps expert workmen and turns out work that has a distinct individuality and style that marks him as exclusive. He is a native German and has a peculiar talent for tailoring, which is the heritage of his countrymen.

ELEKTRON BUILDING.

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MODERWELL COAL CO., Fulton St. and Nickel Plate R. R. This company has a record of twentyfive years and stands for all that is best in the matter of fuel. They do a retail business, which covers a large percent of the trade in the city, many carload orders furnishing to outside parties. They give down weight, full measure and uniform prices which have always commended them to the confidence of the public and given them a liberal patronage. One order will convince the most sanguine that this company may be trusted. Their reputation rests upon merit alone, which is the only true foundation for business success. Members of the company are J. M. & H. C. Moderwell, who have never resorted to other than fair means to win trade, and are held in high esteem in business circles.

MALLOY MILLINERY, 12-14 Arcade. The term excellent may be applied with all fitness to this store, which has for thirteen years been the leading millinery emporium of Ft. Wayne. The proprietor, Frances Malloy, has given her life to the study of the business and shows exceptional skill in designing and executing stylish hats. She is an importer of millinery goods, buys from the best eastern markets and displays early in the season all that is new or novel. Her rooms are beautifully furnished and show an artist's eye in every appointment. Mrs. Malloy is a native of the city and an Indianian of the truest type.

ACCIDENT, HEALTH and LIABILITY INS., D. F. Ault, Mngr., Room 21 Pixley-Long Block. In 1898 Mr. Ault embarked in the insurance business and has successfully manipulated the lines represented above, and established himself firmly in the confidence of the people. He represents the United States Casualty Co., together with others of equal strength and significance. He is thoroughly conversant with insurance laws and handles only those companies which offer the best protection, and his qualities are incontestible. Every character of modern insurance is represented among his lines, every policy framed to meet the peculiar environments of the party, and offering all that safe and judicious insurance can offer. Mr. Ault is a native "Buckeye" and business man whose judgment is unquestioned.

NATIONAL ART GLASS CO., 239 Pearl St. Penna Bros., Props. This firm located in Ft. Wayne in July, 1904, and is one of the exclusive industries of the city. They do every variety of leaded and ornamental glass work, metal setting in copper, zinc, nickel or galvanized iron. Mr. Penna is an artist of superior skill in designing and executing windows and all kinds of art glass furnishings, who has for many years conducted a studio in St. Louis. He has an open studio at that point still. Ft. Wayne has recorded no business which is more to her credit or more to be appreciated than this. Designs and estimates furnished on application.

H. W. DICKMAN, Attorney and Pension Agent, Room 7, Arcade Bldg. Mr. Dickman has been for fifteen years one of the wide awake and active attorneys of Ft. Wayne and has been identified with much that was of vital importance to local matters. He is pension agent, notary public and business man of strong endowments. He does a general law practice, looks closely after all business matters and is one of the solid standbys in straightening crooked links and in handling knotty questions.

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N. C. MILLER, Attorney, Real Estate and Insurance, Arcade Bldg. Mr Miller has for thirty years been one of the active attorneys and real estate dealers in Ft Wayne, his close application to business and shrewd ideas placing him in many responsible positions. His father established the business fifty years ago and has the distinction of being the oldest member of the bar in this city. Mr. Miller is pension attorney, a popular insurance representative and man of many ideas. Any business entrusted to him will have correct attention.

MISS E. C. RODENBECK, Hair Goods, 1001 Calhoun St. Miss Rodenbeck has been the leading hair dealer of Ft Wayne for several years and leads the trade in all the hair dressing, manicuring and facial treatments included. She carries the most exhaustive and comprehensive stock of cosmetics and hair goods. She employs a number of clerks and is busy every day, meeting public demands and keeping up with the engagements of the hour. She has the elite trade of the city and is authority in all that pertains to her profession.

A. F. SCHOCH, Tailor, 309 W. Main St. Among the men who have stood firm at their post and kept abreast of the times in all movements, Mr. Schoch is conspicuous as a tailor. For thirty-five years he has given his time and talent in this direction and stands at the head of the list in all that fine tailoring means. His garments are perfect in fit and fashion, workmanship above criticism. Three men are employed as assistants whose skill is unquestioned. Men of good taste give him the praise and many traveling men give him all their work. He is a native German and has the distinct talent for this business which belongs to his countrymen.

THE EMPORIUM, Horace Mariotte Sole Owner, 119 E Main St. In 1876 we find the beginning of this business which has grown to mammoth proportions and is evidence positive of what wise business judgment and American energy can accomplish. This concern is truly the emporium for bargains in every kind of general merchandise. It is a universal trade center in Ft. Wayne.

Five floors, 14,400 square feet. A large wholesale business, besides a retail trade that keeps many salesmen busy. The Emporium buys (or loans money on) household goods and personal property. Mr. Mariotte's extensive experience, coupled with almost unlimited facilities to handle large as well as small quantities, enables him to sell at a small profit. Mr. Mariotte is one of the successful business men who have been helpful to the public in all his undertakings, as the following cash disbursements will readily suggest:

Cost of buildings and residences that he has erected	$48,950
Taxes paid, since 1876	16,320
Licenses paid, since 1876	3,304
Wages paid, since 1876	87,420

A. HATTERSLEY & SONS, Plumbers, 208-210-212 E. Main St. For twenty years this firm has been established under the present name, and is pre-eminently the leading plumbing establishment of the city. They carry a heavy stock of complete and elegant plumber's goods, mantels, grates, fireplace furnishings, steam and gas fittings, etc. As contractors they do more large order business than any house in this part of the state and have the favor of contractors and builders as far as the name is known. They occupy three floors of one of the best buildings of the city and conduct their business on true and modern and broad based principles. They are substantial as business men, loyal and liberal as citizens.

J. C. PELTIER, Undertaker, 117 W. Wayne St. The undertaker is of all other men the one who is a friend in an important hour. From boyhood Mr. Peltier has been standing close by the people of Ft. Wayne and has distinguished himself as being the very first to adopt embalming and bringing it up out of nothing to its present state of perfection. He has all arrangements for the care of the dead and has the largest line of caskets and funeral supplies in the city. His line of hearses, wagons, etc., are not to be surpassed in the country. His house is altogether the finest in the state. His father established the business sixty-five years ago, and his name has always stood for everything that was honorable in a business way. No man in the city is held in higher esteem than J. C. Peltier.

WAYNE DRY GOODS CO., 904 Calhoun St T. M. Lloyd, Mngr. The oldest dry goods establishment in this part of the country was established in Ft. Wayne as Geo. De Wald & Co. Five years ago the business was reorganized and incorporated under the present name. They carry a perfect stock of all that dry goods includes and are one of the standard retail establishments of the city. Their reputation has always rested upon merit and is due to no kind of sensational methods or catch ideas. They give honest values and offer the best products of the season in every department. They are careful buyers, obliging salesmen and successful merchants.

I. STRASS, Wines and Liquors, 201 E. Main St. Mr. Strass has been in prominence among the wholesale dealers of Ft. Wayne for nearly two years. He carries the best grades of wine and liquors from home and foreign distilleries, conducts his business upon strictly legitimate and generous principles, is a good business manager and keeps in favor with the trade through all competition. He is an old citizen of Ft. Wayne and well known for honorable dealing in whatever he undertakes. He conducts a wholesale business only in wines and liquors and a well ordered cigar and tobacco store on the retail basis.

W. D. Henderson, Grain and Feed, 231-233 E. Columbia. On the records of 1882 we find the establishment of this business, which has come through every crisis and holds the banner for successful effort in the handling of all kinds of feed stuffs, seeds and poultry supplies. They furnish supplies for circuses and other traveling concerns that have stock to feed. They keep the best, sell reasonably, treat everybody alike and have a name that gives them high commercial rating. Mr. Henderson is a native of the city and loyal to all that is for public good.

BARRY TOLAN, Prop., 110 W. Berry St. Every community has its good, better and best barber shop. This house meets the demand of the hour to the letter. Mr. Tolan employs only skillful artists and close students of their business, who know the fine points and sanitary laws surrounding tonsorial work. His cigars, tobaccos and shoe shining parlor are distinctly superior, everything touching their establishment high class. He has the choice patronage of the city, and his house is headquarters for up-to-date work. Mr. Tolan is indeed the right man in the right place.

HIGH SCHOOL.

THE FAME OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE OF IOWA is known in every home in Ft. Wayne and elsewhere throughout northeastern Indiana. This company has always stood for everything that is good in life insurance. It pays dividends in cash each year on all of its policies, and in this way assists you to carry your policy when in straightened circumstances. It pays its death losses promptly and only recently paid one in Ft. Wayne on the second day after the proofs of death were mailed at the Ft. Wayne postoffice. Seven years ago the management of the company's business for this district was placed in the hands of Mr. Walter Cook, who is an insurance man of wide experience and of superior organizing ability. He has increased the company's business in all parts of his territory and is always on the lookout for men of tact and talent who desire to connect themselves with a wide-awake and progressive agency. Mr. Cook's office is located at 133 East Berry street and right opposite the beautiful building which appears on this page.

FREESE & GALE, Wines and Liquors, 228 E. Main St. Conspicuous among the wholesale men of Ft. Wayne and prominent among the liquor dealers of the state is this firm, which has been for four years one of the representative liquor houses of Indiana. They carry all that is best in old wines and high grade liquors, keep a corps of traveling men through Ohio and Indiana, their business extending far beyond these limits. They conduct business on a broad-based principle that appeals to the confidence of dealers everywhere and gives them favor with the trade in the face of sharp competition. No men in the city are better known for honorable dealings and liberal support to all that is worthy than August Freese and Charles Gale.

HENRY W. MEYER, Architect, 918 Calhoun St. Mr. Meyer is an architect of a special distinction in the line of residence work and has demonstrated a versatility of talent in architectural lines. He has for five years been among the artists in this profession and is held in high esteem by contractors and builders and the public in general. Churches are one of his favorite subjects, in which designs he shows deep understanding. Mr. Meyer is always prompt at his post, his prices consistent and business principles sound.

L. P. HUNTOON, Engineer, Room 1, Bank Bldg. Mr. Huntoon is a professional whose skill has given him a prominent place with corporations and companies of renown. He was chief engineer for the Ohio & Indiana Construction Co. and Ft. Wayne, Van Wert & Lima Traction Co. He has made a life study of this science and acknowledges no superior in engineering of any kind. He does contract work all over the United States and can be relied upon for satisfactory work of the most complicated character. He is a native of Kansas, a true American and brim full of native genius and perseverance.

SIMMERER & PLEGER, Furriers and Taxidermists, 1120 Calhoun St. In April, 1893, this firm began business and are the leading furriers of the city. They make, repair and handle all kinds of furs and do taxidermy of the highest type. Their trade extends through a wide territory, and increases every year. They show a special skill in remodeling furs, which is a difficult art. They store and insure furs at reasonable cost, and have in every way shown a most progressive and honorable spirit. No men in Ft. Wayne have contributed more to the commercial standing of the city than H. Simmerer and E. W. Pleger, who are natives of Detroit and true Americans.

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BANK OF WAYNE, 127 E. Berry St. Among the private banks of Ft. Wayne this one has for two years been holding a prominent place. They are equipped for regular banking business and transact a large percent of the business of the city. Their chief feature is real estate operations, which extend through northeast Indiana, southern Michigan and western Ohio. The bank was organized and is controlled by Sol Mier, who is recognized as one of the most brilliant and successful business men of this section. He is conservative and careful in all matters, his judgment unerring and principles genuine. He is influential in financial circles and has been one of the strong promoters of public interests. Three banks and four offices are under the management of this company, their responsibilities one of the surest and strongest on record. I. Rose is manager of the Ft. Wayne bank and H. Solomon cashier. No institution in the state is conducted with more surety or weighs heavier in financial reports than this.

HOME LUNCH ROOM, J. F. Vordermark, Prop., 909 Calhoun St. A place to eat is sometimes a puzzling question. Few cities are provided with a medium priced lunch room that prepares such wholesome food and serves it as nicely as the Home Lunch Room. It is the popular eating house of the town and holds its reputation by giving a superior lunch and treating every guest with courtesy. Nothing is a trouble that can please the individual, everything provided in the most home-like style possible. Mr. Vordermark is a general of such affairs and knows how to conduct it successfully for all parties. They are conveniently located and have the choice patronage of the city.

CHAS. FALK & CO., Wholesale Notions, 1021-23 Calhoun St. For twenty years this company has figured conspicuously among the wholesale dealers of northern Indiana. They carry a superior line of ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, and everything in the catalog of notions. They sell to jobbers through the city and a wide territory, their trade standing firm against any competition. The conduct of their business reflects credit upon the integrity and judgment of the firm, and places them among the reliable and advanced idea men of the day. The firm members are Charles Falk and Samuel Chaska.

THE VOLLANO MILLING CO., 114 W. Columbia St. This company has a record of twenty years successful operations and stands to the fore front in the manufacture of high grade flour and as dealers in grain. They are equipped for modern milling processes, with a capacity of seventy-five barrels daily. The larger part of this is consumed locally, the high grade of their flour commending them to popular favor and giving them positive place in public confidence. Their name stands for all that is honorable and superior in business transactions, their financial reports counting heavily in commercial circles.

FT. WAYNE SADDLERY CO., 121 E. Columbia St. For several years this company has steadily and surely stood to the front in the manufacture of high grade harness and as jobbers of custom made leather goods covering everything in the saddlery line. They do an extensive and exclusive wholesale trade through Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, their broad based and conservative principles keeping them in favor of the trade in the face of all competition. The merit of their goods alone gives them fame and positive place wherever they are introduced. The managers of the company have exercised sound judgment, adopted modern principles that bore the stamp of merit, and kept their productions up to the hour in every respect. Ft. Wayne has no enterprise which contributes more to her commercial fame, or is more influential in financial and business circles. The members of the firm are F. E. Slugrey, A. E. Thompson and H. F. Robinson.

JOHN T. WAGNER, Real Estate and Loans, 72½ Court St. Mr. Wagner has a record of fourteen years in this business and is one of the most active land agents of Allen County. He has an attractive list of farm and suburban property, which he offers at rock-bottom prices, on sale or exchange. He has studied land values and is prepared to accommodate parties wishing business or resident property in the city or anywhere in the county. Loans on real estate mortgages are given the usual rates of interest. Mr. Wagner is a native German and one of the staunch citizens of the town.

C. J. ULMER, Livery Barn, 318-320 E. Main St. Mr. Ulmer has for thirteen years been conducting one of the best livery stables in Ft. Wayne. He has thirty-one stalls, which are fashioned and built after sanitary ideas and furnished with all that modern livery demands. His horses are high blooded, drivers reliable, rigs first-class and service above criticism. He has an ambulance and carriage, a well regulated line of hacks and is the most popular funeral liveryman in the city. No man in Ft. Wayne keeps his business up to the hour more surely than Mr. Ulmer.

THE UP-TO-DATE CLOTHING CO., H. Epstein & Co., Proprietors, corner Calhoun and Columbia. This company has a record of six years of unbroken operations and counts among the important and well managed clothing houses of the city. They carry everything that gentlemen wear and are among the first to show the new styles each season and suggest the correct thing to wear. Mr. Epstein is a business man of experience and keen insight and knows the secret of success and how to buy goods that will catch the trade. His prices are always the lowest, his goods the best in the city.

JOHN RABUS, Tailor, 116 Berry St., West. For a quarter of a century Mr. Rabus has been prominent in Ft. Wayne as a tailor of superior skill and an importer of fine suitings. The best looms of the orient are represented in his stock, which is always up to the hour and selected with an artist's eye. As a tailor he understands the correct methods and turns out work that meets the approval of the most exacting and critical dressers. He has made an exhaustive study of this profession and acknowledges no superior in the selection of styles and perfect workmanship.

THE OHIO-WESTERN GRAIN CO., Wholesale Hay, grain, flour and mill feed, a concern of eastern capital, has transferred its main offices from Clarksburg, W. Va., to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and now occupies quarters in the Elektron Building. This company is represented in all the large cities throughout the east by brokers and is recorded as one of the largest shippers in the country. It maintains a branch office and distributing point at Clarksburg, W. Va., and enjoys extensive operations throughout the coal and oil fields of West Virginia. The Ft. Wayne offices are under the management of R. R. Koblegard and Thomas P. Riddle, two members of the company.

J. M. E. RIEDEL, Architect, 23-24-25-26 Schmitz Blk. Since 1889 Mr. Riedel has been recorded among the professional men of Ft. Wayne and distinguished himself as an architect of strong talent and thorough knowledge. He knows the demands in all lines of business, and frames his designs in accordance with economy, convenience and beauty of outline. He has designed many of the handsome residences and public buildings of Ft. Wayne, among which the Concordia College might be mentioned. His contracts are registered from all parts of the United States and show a variety of plans that marks Mr. Riedel as an artist of versatile talents.

CARL'S TOBACCO HOUSE, 1423 Calhoun St. This house has for fifteen years been the rendezvous for men who appreciate excellence in tobacco, and enjoy a good smoke. Mr. Carl is an expert in selecting and handling everything in the smokers' line and keeps a selection that the most cultivated taste approves. He does a liberal wholesale business, and is one of the progressive and energetic business men of the city. John M. Carl has recently taken charge of the business and has the keen business instinct which characterized the father. No man in Ft. Wayne is held in higher esteem in the business circles than Mr. Carl.

GUY CONKLIN, Music Dealer, 1008 Calhoun St. In 1891 Mr. Conklin began business in Ft. Wayne, and has claimed a generous share of patronage throughout the city and surrounding country. He carries a heavy line of high grade pianos, Victor talking machines, stringed instruments and musical merchandise. He has spent most of his life in this business, is familiar with the construction of every instrument, and is prepared to judge of quality in any thing that makes music. He does tuning and repairing and is popular with musicians as far as he is known. He is a native Indianian and a man of determined will, who has made a success of his undertakings and concerned his profession.

C. W. FULTON, Livery, 118 W. Wayne St. No business has been conducted with more energy and exactness for seventeen years than this livery barn, which has engaged the best thought and energy of Mr. Fulton. He has twenty-four stalls planned and furnished after modern ideas and is one of the most practical liverymen in the city. He has a large line of hacks for assembly service and one of the finest light livery outfits in northern Indiana. Everything that is best in livery is at the command of the public at any hour. Mr. Fulton is a native of Pennsylvania and has the sterling qualities that characterize sons of the Keystone State.

WEST COLUMBIA STREET.

GEO. K. TORRENCE & CO., Real Estate, Arcade Bldg. Mr. Torrence is one of the well known and loyal citizens of Ft. Wayne, who has been established in this business since 1882. He confines his business chiefly to buying and selling and has been one of the strong factors in the promotion of real estate interests in and around the city. He knows the value of every foot of land in northern Indiana and is prepared to direct wisely those who are considering land issues of any character. He deals largely in southern lands and is one of the best posted men in this section on property values of that character, because he has lived there many years. Mr. Torrence is a native of Pennsylvania and possesses the sterling qualities which belong to the sons of the Keystone State.

ALBERT TOMKINSON, Plumber, 1212 Calhoun St. Mr. Tomkinson has been prominently before the public for eight years as practical plumber and has demonstrated a skill that gives him favor with the public and places him among the superior workmen of the city. He carries a full line of plumbers' goods, gas and hot water fixtures, contracts for work of any magnitude and delivers every job under guarantee. He is a native Englishman and has the sterling qualities which belong to the Victorian age. He learned his trade in England.

M. C. REITZE, Milliner, Pixley-Long Bldg., rooms 19-20. Miss Reitze has a distinct line of work which has placed her above and apart from general millinery. She carries no cheap goods and contracts for work by the season among those who appreciate exclusive designing. She studies the fashions of the season and has the best ideas at her command, which she uses as a basis for individual work. Her natural talent and artistic eye enable her to create productions that outrival the best. She carries a superior line of pattern hats. She has an extensive trade, which she maintains with a dignity and firmness that reflects credit upon her skill.

ROBERT SPICE, Plumber, 218 W. Main St. The plumber is surrounded with more rigid requirements than almost any business man of the age. For twenty-eight years Mr. Spice has held a prominent place among the plumbers of Ft. Wayne, and has gained superiority in any matter touching this profession. He is a practical mechanic, a hard student of the business, and has mastered in every detail the most complicated features in sanitary plumbing, steam heating and gas fitting. He has executed many large contracts, and is held in high favor by contractors and plumbers in general. He carries a full line of supplies, including a well selected stock of cream separators, lightning rods, pumps of all kinds, well fixtures, etc. His contracts are always delivered in good time and under guarantee.

H. J. ASH, Stoves and Tinware, 116 E. Columbia. This house was established in 1860 and has been one of the progressive retail houses of Ft. Wayne through all the business changes and financial struggles. Mr. Ash has kept to the forefront and held favor with the trade in the face of all competition. He does an extensive wholesale business through Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, keeping a corps of traveling men busy. His line of stoves and other goods are standard and popular wherever they are introduced. He does furnace work, which meets the approval and has the praise of all who know what superior work means. The secret of Mr. Ash's success has been his adherence to honorable principles and practice of doing all things well. He is a native of Vermont and has the solid principles which belong to the sons of the pioneer states.

HENRY SCHONE & CO., Undertakers and Embalmers, 219 E. Berry. For eleven years Mr. Schone has been one of the popular undertakers of Ft. Wayne and has won the confidence of citizens in general by sympathetic and courteous service. He is a licensed embalmer, and a man of advanced ideas, touching his profession in general. He has his own funeral cause, is provided for the care of the dead in every sense has a handsome line of caskets and funeral supplies of all kinds. He keeps in touch with all that is new and adopts all that is modern in everything.

NUTTMAN & CO., Bankers, E. Main St. In 1882 this bank was established as a private bank by J. D. Nuttman and O. S. Hanna, and is now conducted as a general banking house with the support of business men and corporations throughout the city. Their responsibility is quoted at $200,000, but their resources exceed that amount. Mr. O. S. Hanna, who is manager and proprietor, has given his best talent and energy for over twenty years to the promotion of the bank, and has in a great measure contributed to the solidity and high standing of the institution. All that promises permanence has been encouraged, all that seemed speculative condemned. Mr. Hanna is acknowledged a man of enterprising spirit, advanced ideas, careful and considerate.

GRAND UNION TEA CO., Peter Gordon, Mngr., 906 Calhoun St. The fame of the Grand Union Tea Co. has spread as far as humanity is found. They were established in 1872 and are now operating branch houses in all the principal cities in the United States. Their house in Ft. Wayne has been open for seven years and is one of the famous retail stores of the city. Their goods are the best that the world provides, are sold for cash at lower figures than the ordinary retail merchant can handle them. The company buy immense quantities direct from producers, sell from their own stores and can give better prices than can be gotten elsewhere. This is the secret of their great success. Mr. Gordon has been with the company for a long time and is thoroughly capable of managing larger affairs.

CALHOUN STREET GRAND UNION TEA

HAMILTON BANK BUILDING.

THE HAMILTON NATIONAL BANK., Charles McCulloch, President John Mohr, Jr., Cashier. John Ross McCulloch, Assistant Cashier, Frank H. Poole, Assistant Cashier This bank has a record of twenty-five years that has been fraught with success and shown positive progress from the beginning They have filled one twenty years' charter and are one of the United States depositories. As a monetary institution they are prominent in Indiana and one of the strong supports in the development of all that touches Ft Wayne interests. They are one of the soundest institutions of the state and have every facility for modern banking They have burglar proof vaults, fireproof building are handsomely furnished and offer every favor consistent with safe operations Their report to the comptroller of currency on January 11, 1905, shows capital stock $200,000, surplus and undivided profits, $308,438.67, circulation, $200,000 deposits, $2,165,-130.86. The acknowledged success and undisputed solidity of the bank is the result of careful judgment, broad ideas, conservative management and progressive spirit on the part of the officers It has the support of leading corporations and financiers of the country

NEIREITER & GUMPPER, Room 7, Schmitz Block, Insurance and Real Estate For thirty years C Neireiter and C. H Gumpper have been among the prominent and extensive land operators of Ft Wayne They are extensive dealers in real estate and authorized agents for Wood, Harmon & Co., of New York, who have a national reputation as real estate promoters. No men in the city are better informed on land values and all that touches land issues than these or have contributed more to the fame of Ft. Wayne as a business center. They have been closely allied with many important deals which have proven their knowledge and tact. In fire insurance they are leading representatives in this locality. They negotiate loans of any size on real estate mortgages. They are substantial spokes in the wheel of the affairs that turn the city.

W. V. DOUGLAS, Insurance Company, Schmitz Block. Mr. Douglas has for fifteen years been classed among the leading business men of Ft. Wayne and is one of the most progressive real estate men of the city He does selling only in real estate and confines his efforts principally to the city. In fire insurance he represents the best companies of the best in the world and has a large percent of the property of the city on his list. He meets all claims promptly and adjusts all matters in a thoroughly satisfactory way. Mr. Douglas has contributed much to the business standing of the city, and is counted among the substantial and useful citizens.

ROMARYS, GOEGLEIN & CO., Hardware, 25 E. Columbia St. In 1896 J. J. and J. A. Romary and V. J Goeglein began business in Ft. Wayne and have distinguished themselves as jobbers in hardware, tools and all that the catalogue includes. Their stock is complete and selected from the best manufacturers, their business principles unquestioned, and all that they handle high grade. They give personal attention to every detail and have one of the best organized business systems in existence Their name stands for all that is honorable and is placed high on the records of commercial reports. They are thoroughly straight in all they do and worthy of the confidence which they enjoy.

COLUMBIA CANDY KITCHEN, 731 Calhoun St Pantazin and Harritos, Props There is no place which the public considers so often as the palace of sweets. For six years this candy kitchen, located opposite the court house, has led the market in the manufacture of chocolates, bon bons and all the fancy brands of candies now in demand. Their products find ready place in all retail places, and attract the best retail trade of the city. Their ice cream is the best that Ft. Wayne offers, their soda fountain the general rendezvous of the season.

S. BASH & CO. The oldest firm in the produce business in northern Indiana. Is doing business at 122-124 W. Columbia St., Ft Wayne This business was founded by Solomon Bash, the present head of the firm, in 1860, after having had ten years experience in the business under R. W. Taylor and Hill & Orbison, the pioneers in this line in Ft Wayne. Their name is known throughout the length and breadth of hte late of Indiana. They handle everything in the way of farm produce, making a specialty of FIELD and GARDEN SEEDS in bulk. They also handle Wool, Furs, Hides, Peltries, Salt and Fertilizers. They solicit correspondence whether you want to buy or sell.

GEORGE JACOBS, Music Dealer, 929 Calhoun St. For sixteen years Mr. Jacobs has been classed among the thoughtful and progressive merchants of Ft. Wayne, and is taken as authority on all that touches musical instruments. He is agent for the high standard pianos and organs which have the approval of the world's best musicians and distributes them successfully through a large territory. He is familiar with the mechanical construction of every instrument made, and can select the best at a glance. His terms are reasonable on his entire stock, which includes general musical merchandise.

THE INDEPENDENT RUBBER CO., Mr. Lehman, Mngr., 129 E. Columbia St. In 1902 this company began business, and are distinguished as being the only exclusive Hood rubber house in Indiana. They sell wool boot combination lumberman's stockings, lawn tennis shoes and the highest grade of goods in this line that is made. Their name is a synonym for merit wherever it is seen, and finds a ready place among the dealers of the country. The high character of this house is due largely to the judgment and wise management of Mr. Lehman. Their conduct of business marks them as twentieth century business men of modern ideas and progressive methods. They are one of the strongest business enterprises of the city.

THE SCHMITZ BUILDING.

COMMERCIAL BANK.

COMMERCIAL BANK. Straus Bros. & Co., 807 Calhoun St. In 1850 their first bank at Ligonier was established and has come through every crisis with unfurled banners. They are the most extensive land dealers in the central states, operating chiefly through Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. They conduct a general banking business, their responsibilities giving them highest rating on commercial records. They have offices at Ft. Wayne, Ligonier, Albion, Auburn, Napanee and Warsaw, which have the personal oversight of the proprietors. Their farm lands are listed for sale or exchange in the best agricultural districts of these states, and offer the most attractive opportunities for home seekers or speculators. The proprietors of the bank are financiers of unquestioned judgment and integrity. As a monetary institution this bank is a strong support to all that is for the upbuilding of Ft. Wayne. The members of the firm are S. J. Straus, I. G. Straus, Abe Goldsmith and Abe Ackerman.

CITY CARRIAGE WORKS, 709-713 Clay St. Among the creative concerns of Ft. Wayne this house is prominent as manufacturer and contractor of all kinds of carriages. They were established in 1876 and have an unbroken record for progressive business and successful efforts. The proprietors are practical mechanics in this line, men of high ambition and intense energy, who stop short of nothing but success in all they undertake, keeping abreast of the times in all modern ideas. Their carriages are above criticism, their business principles sound, their commercial rating high. This is the largest and best carriage factory in this part of Indiana.

THE BRADLEY MFG. CO., 229 E. Columbia St. Geo. W. Bruckner, Mngr. For three years this company has been doing a generous share of the implement business of Ft. Wayne and vicinity and is rated among the highly reliable and progressive firms. Their line embraces the best products of American factories in the line of agricultural implements. Their manufacturer agents are the newest inventions of the day and truly twentieth century in all their ideas. Mr. Bruckner has been with the company since 1877 and to him is due the credit for the superior place which this division holds.

GUST SCHUBERT, 229 E. Main St., Dyeing and Cleaning. Mr. Schubert has been in the present business in Ft. Wayne for fifteen years and is one of the few who master the fine points of the profession. He was in this business twenty-five years in Germany, his native country, and has made an exhaustive study of every idea through all the years. He is equipped for handling all kinds of fabrics by the electric process, which is the only perfect system of the age. His word stands for truth and honor, his reputation resting upon the merit of work done. Any order left with him will have perfect attention and be returned in good time. He is one of Ft. Wayne's most substantial business men.

GUST SCHUBERT'S.

RANDALL MOTOR CAR CO.

THE RANDALL MOTOR CAR CO., 216-218-220 W. Berry St. A. L. Randall, Secretary and Manager. For ten years Mr. Randall has been the leading bicycle dealer of this section and has kept to the forefront in all progressive ideas. He is the pioneer bicycle and automobile merchant, the organizer of the Randall Wheel Co. and Randall Motor Car Co., and is the heaviest automobile dealer in northern Indiana. His stock shows the latest and best in motor cars, boats, engines and all that the catalogue includes. Mr. Randall is truly American in ideas and ambition and is satisfied with nothing less than the highest mark of excellence that his business offers. He is thoroughly acquainted with the mechanical construction of all he handles and is considered authority on values. No man in the state is more progressive or of more positive value to the commercial fame of Ft. Wayne than Mr. Randall.

W. X. SCHUHLER, District Agent Fire Insurance, 729 Court St. Since 1885 Mr. Schuhler has been one of the mighty hosts who represents the great fire insurance companies of the world. He is thoroughly informed on all insurance laws and selects those companies which are governed by the soundest, and whose policies are for the best protection at the least cost to individuals. He is careful in the adjustment of all claims and keeps his affairs with such perfect system that nothing is neglected or overlooked in the slightest detail. Mr. Schuhler is a native of Pennsylvania and possesses the sterling qualities which are the heritage of the "Keystone" state.

STAR SHOE CO

THE STAR SHOE HOUSE, J. E. Scroggy, Mngr., 814 Calhoun St. No man in the United States is better known as a manufacturer than "Pingree" of Detroit, Mich., the world's great philanthropist and shoemaker. For nearly three years the Star Shoe House has made a specialty of these shoes, which rank among the best the shoemakers' art can produce. The Star Shoe Co. carries a general line of high grade shoes, being exclusive agents in Ft. Wayne for Pingree shoes, and conducts one of the best shoe stores in the city. No house in town has a more select trade or ranks higher in commercial circles than this. Mr. Scroggy has been for many years identified with the Pingree house as traveling salesman, although most of his time is now devoted to the growing requirements of the store here in Ft. Wayne.

UNION HOUSE, Charles E. Wilkinson, Prop., 217-219 West Main. This is about the oldest lodging house in Ft. Wayne. It was established many years ago, has seen many changes and is today one of the popular medium priced hostelries of the city. They can accommodate about fifteen guests, have a number of table boarders and conduct everything on the home principle. Mr. Wilkinson has for fourteen months conducted the affairs of the house and added much to the popularity of the place by his genial manner and wise judgment.

C. H. SHELOON, Bleacher and Presser of Straw Goods, 719 Clinton St. For a quarter of a century, less one year, Mr. Sheldon has been diligently following a unique and scientific business which is not successfully handled by everyone who undertakes it. He is familiar with the best ideas and perfect methods of bleaching straw goods, has molds and frames for shaping and pressing straw hats and is an expert in cleaning and coloring feathers. He runs a baggage delivery which is subject to call at any hour, and is much in demand all over the city. Mr. Sheldon is one of the men who strike to conquer and stop short of nothing but success in everything.

BEN SCHLESINGER, Ready-to-Wear Store, 812 Calhoun St. The ready-to-wear store is one of the popular ideas of the twentieth century. For one year this house has been prominently before the public as an emporium of all that ready made garments includes. The best ideas from the world's best tailors are represented, everything stylish and up to the hour. They have a tailoring department in which the newest ideas and all that is correct in ladies' tailoring is done. This is one of the most popular stores of Ft. Wayne and commands the patronage of the leading citizens of the state. Mr. Schlesinger is a native of New York and has the superior business qualities that belong to the sons of the east.

BEN SCHLESINGER.

LOUDEN MACHINERY CO.

LOUDEN MACHINERY CO., 1012-1014 Wells St., Henry Behnfeldt, Mngr. As manufacturers of barn door hangers and hay tools the Louden Machinery Co. is the most prominent in the world. They hold exclusive rights on a number of patents of this character, all of which have been accepted as the best inventions of this sort. They have a factory in Fairfield, Ia., with branch offices at important centers throughout the Union. For two years this office has controlled the business of Indiana and Ohio, and is one of the most lucrative fields in operation. Traveling men are kept well directed by Mr. Behnfeldt and find no trouble in placing these appliances among dealers in Ohio and Indiana. The business offers lucrative opportunities to men of business talent. For particulars address the above number.

M. MOHR'S, Music Dealers, 606 Clinton St. Mr. Mohr is conspicuous in Ft. Wayne as a music dealer who carries the best, and nothing but the best. His line of pianos covers the popular brands, Shomer, Ivers & Pond, and lead as high standards. Everything in wind and stringed instruments, talking machines, sheet music, music books and every class of musical merchandise offered at prices that cannot be questioned. Mr. Mohr is up to the hour in all that pertains to musical instruments and twentieth century business principles, is authority on the selection of specialties, and leads the market as a music dealer. He also carries a full line of sewing machines.

CHRISTEN'S SODA FOUNTAIN.

CHRISTEN'S, 910 Calhoun St. Mrs. A. Christen Cook, Prop. Christen's has been for twelve years among the leading confectioners of Ft. Wayne, and holds its prestige in the face of any glittering glare of new concerns. They are manufacturers of the choicest bon bons and chocolates on the market, and supply one of the largest retail trades in the city. They are prepared to furnish special orders for assembly occasions, and are preferred caterers in the line of sweets. Mrs. Christian Cook manages well the affairs of the house and to her is due the credit for the popular standing which the house has.

MRS. F. E. NASH, Millinery, 122 W. Berry St. Mrs. Nash has been in business for eight years and has given to the women of Ft. Wayne the highest service possible as milliner. She carries a line of fancy work and shows the most excellent taste in everything she handles. No woman in town has a more flattering trade or is more appreciated for true merit than Mrs. Nash. She has been a citizen of Ft. Wayne for fifteen years or more and is identified with the best interests of the city.

ENTERPRISE CASH GROCERY, James H. Eaken, Prop., 232 W. Main St. Mr. Eaken, assisted by O. E. Piesson, has for three years been conducting this grocery and has beyond question a modern grocery stock. His line of canned and bottled goods is surpassing and represents the best canneries of America. Everything in his house is first class and shows a carefulness in selection and arrangement that marks Mr. Eaken as a business man of superior caste. He has a list of customers that might be coveted by a much older concern and adds new ones every day. High grade goods, reasonable prices and prompt service have given him the substantial place which he so well deserves.

HENRY KLEBE, Harness, 120 E. Columbia. Mr. Klebe has been for ten years in this location and numbered among the solid business men of Ft. Wayne. As a harness maker he is an acknowledged expert and does a large percent of the special order work of the city and country. He carries a full line of custom-made goods and all that is included in the harness catalogue. He does a generous wholesale trade and the heaviest retail business in the community. His harness wear well and look well, which recommends them to the users of all grades of horse clothes. He is a native of Germany and has the sterling business qualities which characterize his countrymen.

THE HARPER ELECTRIC CO., 1132 Calhoun St. This company has been in existence for one year and has established a firm reputation for skillful work and promptness in executing contracts. They have a full supply of electrical goods and install every character of electrical work. They have recently completed the St. Paul Lutheran church, which is one of the most elaborately wired buildings in the city. Their contracts are always delivered under guarantee, their charges consistent with high grade work. Henry B. Harper is president and Raymond H. Harper manager of the company. No men in Indiana are better prepared to do skillful and scientific work in this line than they. They are in popular favor with contractors and builders, because they are thoroughly reliable.

J. E. BEAHLER, Insurance, 22 Bank Block. Mr. Beahler has for fifteen years been among the general insurance men of Ft. Wayne and has distinguished himself as a representative of that line. He handles the best policies in all lines, all of which are governed by sound insurance laws and framed to meet the various conditions and environments of life and business which is acceptable by reliable insurance companies. He carries policies for a large percent of the business of the city, his life and accident lines reaching through a wide territory. He is a man of careful thought and keen business instinct, who gives personal attention to all affairs and neglects nothing that is of interest to either party. He is a native of Illinois and American of the truest type.

BRYSON & LICHTENWALTER, Cigar Store, Barber Shop, Calhoun and Wayne. Ft. Wayne has no place of business that is more generously patronized and which reflects more credit upon the proprietors than this. For eight and a half years this has been the headquarters for men who appreciate superior tonsorial work, and a good cigar. They have the best corner in the city and are prepared to do the finest barber work possible. Their eight chairs are always full, each chair presided over by skillful operators, who know the sleight of touch and sanitary laws. Their cigars are the best that the market offers in all popular brands. C. B. Bryson and A. L. Lichtenwalter are both natives of Indiana and energetic business men.

CHRISTEN'S 910 CALHOUN STREET.

C. W. PORTER, Attorney, 725 Court St. In June, 1900, Mr. Porter joined the bar of Ft Wayne, and has been in general practice ever since. In state and federal courts he is popularly known, and has shown the superior knowledge of law which classes him among the energetic and resourceful young men of America. He is a native of Allen county and prefers his home land to that of strangers.

MRS. F. M. MORGAN, Millinery, 1134 Calhoun St. Mrs. Morgan has been practically demonstrating her ability as a milliner for one year at Ft. Wayne. She has a select line of goods and turns out hats that are unequalled for style, material and price. She is quick to discern the style that suits the individual and pleases her patrons by good suggestions. She is from Marion, Ind., and deserves the place which she has taken among the stylish milliners of the city.

MR. HARPER.

BASS FOUNDRY AND MACHINE WORKS.

THE BASS FOUNDRY AND MACHINE CO. J. H. Bass, President, C. T. Strawbridge, Secretary, F. S. Lightfoot, Treasurer, R. J. Fisher, Assistant Treasurer. Ft. Wayne, Ind. Among the mammoth concerns of northern Indiana this company is conspicuous in the manufacture of car wheels, heavy castings, Corliss engines, boilers, car axles and iron and steel forgings. Their history begins in 1853, coming through many changes to 1873, when it was incorporated under the present name. The growth of the business has been phenomenal and reached proportions that show the master hand and giant intellect in every step. The buildings cover in all twenty acres of ground. Their products find place in the markets of the entire world. Their pay roll covers nearly two thousand, putting into circulation every month a liberal sum. Mr. Bass has been connected with the firm from the beginning and has been the chief promoter and manager of every detail. This concern has contributed more to the fame and progress of Ft. Wayne than any industry in her midst. Mr. Bass is progressive and open hearted, contributing liberally to every matter which calls for conservative thought or capital. They are capitalized for $1,500,000. Branch works are operated at Lenoir, Tenn., and at Rock Run, Ala.

FT. WAYNE FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO., Ft. Wayne, Ind. In 1842 this business was first established and incorporated in 1897. They are manufacturers of boilers. They hold a patent on everything in this line, gas and gasoline engines, castings and their gas engine, which is conceded to be the most perfect machine on the market. They have every capacity for perfect work and are numbered among the progressive concerns of the state. The officers are among the successful and progressive business men of Fort Wayne, who have steered to success whatever they have undertaken. The officers are J. H. Bass, President; C. T. Strawbridge, Secretary, F. S. Lightfoot, Treasurer, and A. W. Pickard, Assistant Treasurer.

WAYNE KNITTING MILLS.

ULRIC U. MILLER, Tinsmith, 232 E. Main St. Mr. Miller is one of the solid standbys in Ft. Wayne in all that tinsmith means. He has for eighteen years been a resident of the city, for four years at the present place of business. He conducts a general job shop, giving his attention more to small matters than to large contracts. He has every equipment necessary and does perfect work promptly and at reasonable prices. He is a native of Michigan and a business man of solid character.

FRANK JOLY, Grocer, 234 E. Columbia St. Mr. Joly has been for ten years sole proprietor of this house, in which he had been employed for twenty-four years. He knows the value of goods and keeps his stock up to the hour in all that high grade groceries include. His customers know that all orders will be delivered O. K. His butter, eggs and country produce are always the freshest, his canned goods the newest on the market. He was reared in Allen county and is a loyal son of the Hoosier state.

PACKARD ORGAN CO.

HORTON MANUFACTURING CO.

F. FELDMAN, Umbrella Store, 1112½ Calhoun St. Mr. Feldman has been the umbrella surgeon of Ft. Wayne for three years. He manufactures and repairs umbrellas and recovers them in any color or quality and has one of the handsomest lines of handles in the city. He is an expert in this line of business. He is a young man, full of twentieth century push and worthy ambition, who gives his best energies to the perfection of what he undertakes. Anything left with him will have perfect care.

ARCADE PHARMACY, Julia E. Emanuel, Prop., 115 Berry. One of the most attractive and complete prescription stores in Ft. Wayne was established three years ago by Miss Emanuel under the above name, and it is not surpassed by any house of the kind for pure drugs and perfect prescription work. The store is located in one of the most central and desirable places in the city. Miss Emanuel is a graduate of the pharmacy department of the University of Michigan, and acknowledges no superior in her profession. She also employs a graduate of the pharmacy department of the Purdue University. The line of toilet articles carried are exclusive and and select. All prescriptions are filled promptly and accurately.

A. R. HILLS, Proprietor Temple of Economy, 109 E. Main St. No place in Ft. Wayne has been of more positive value to the citizens of town and country than this house, which has for twenty years included everything in the line of notions, toys and general home supplies. They buy for cash and sell on small margin, which gives them a heavy run of trade and makes their business a success. Mr. Hills is a business man of strong endowment and understands the fine points in commercial enterprise. No store in Ft. Wayne deserves more praise than this.

J. H. RAHE, 34 Clinton St., Furniture. For a quarter of a century Mr. Rahe has been one of the retail furniture dealers of Ft. Wayne and has held a substantial trade from the beginning. He carries a select line of furnishings in medium and high grade goods, which meet the demands of the day, and are sold at prices that defy competition. Mr. Rahe knows the secret of buying, is an obliging salesman and merchant of sound judgment. This is one of the most popular furniture houses in this section.

THE BOSS MANUFACTURING CO., Calhoun and Superior. The general office of this company is at Kewanee, Ill. The factory at Ft. Wayne has been established for six years and is one of the important creative concerns of Northern Indiana. They manufacture cotton flannel gloves and mittens and have a weekly output of 10,000 dozens. Their plant is one of the best equipped in this section and is managed with a skill and business energy that reflects credit upon the officers. Mr. Smaltz is a manager of strong ability and is responsible in a large measure for the high standing of the company. They employ a large force putting into local circulation a generous amount of cash.

M. L. JONES, Photo Supplies, 112 W. Wayne St. Mr. Jones came to Ft. Wayne in 1877 and entered the present business in 1887. He carries everything in the line of kodaks and photo supplies, operating through Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and part of Kentucky. He is planning to enter West Virginia and Pennsylvania this year. His business is well represented on the road by four traveling men. His business rating is among the heaviest commercial industries of the city. His retail department shows a superior line of these supplies, which are quoted at reasonable prices. The secret of Mr. Jones' success has been earnest endeavor and open unquestionable principles.

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WAYNE SHOE COMPANY, 123 W. Columbia St. Five years ago this company was established and has ranked among the important wholesale houses of Ft. Wayne. The success and popularity of the house is due to the wise judgment and conservative management of the officers, and the superior qualities of their specialties. They do a wholesale business exclusively, covering the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. They keep a corps of traveling men well directed, have perfect shipping facilities, adopt only that which is modern and sound in business transactions and hold favor with the trade in the face of all competition. Their specialties include Snow's Speedicor Rice & Hutchins, Crown Prince and Budd's Baby Shoes and Good Year, Glove and Candee Rubbers. These brands are acknowledged as superior the world over and cover the list of fine shoes, workman shoes and footwear for every station in life.

C. T. PIDGEON MILLINERY CO., 931 Calhoun St. Among the wholesale firms of Ft. Wayne this house figures conspicuously as millinery dealers. They have been established twenty years and have an unbroken record of successful operations which is due to the broad based and sound principles employed. Their establishment is one of the largest in Indiana and supplies an immense trade toward all points of the compass. They have the leading ideas from fashion centers, and turn out pattern hats that have a distinct individuality which marks them as exclusive. Ft. Wayne owes much to the existence of this firm, which is one of the strong supports to commercial reports.

WHITE FRUIT HOUSE, corner Calhoun and Wayne. Ft. Wayne is famous for her mammoth institutions in commercial lines, among which the White Fruit House is conspicuous as a department store. They occupy the entire building on one of the most prominent corners of the city, and have the most complete department houses in Ft. Wayne. Every floor is a store in itself, and shows superior judgment in the selection and arrangement of stock. The grocery department is exhaustive and represents the freshest and best that grocery goods can offer. The meat department is the delight of home keepers, and is only one example of the perfect organization through the entire house. They have the most extensive trade in the city, which is made secure by the perfect conduct of business, and truthful representation of goods. The company is incorporated with Edw. White, President, James B. White, Secretary, and Grace M. Morris, Treasurer.

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